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CORONER'S JURY AT DEVON TO PROBE GAS FLAME THEORY

Testimony to Be Taken Regarding the Open-Flame Gas Stove

WAS USED FOR HEAT

Theory is Strengthened by Similar Stories Told To Authorities

PHILADELPHIA, April 7—(INS)—The gas-flame theory regarding the cause of the disastrous blasts at the Devon plant of the Pennsylvania Fireworks Display Company, Inc., as carried exclusively by International News Service last Friday will be submitted to the coroner's jury when it meets at Malvern again today.

Testimony, regarding the open-flame gas stove believed to have been burning at the time in the central building of the nine structures comprising the plant, will be given by Sullivan Gianone, 24-year-old joint owner of the Norristown Fireworks Company, and a former employee of the Devon firm. Coroner Herbert Ford announced.

Gianone declared that an open-flame gas stove was kept burning summer and winter in the main building. It was used to heat the room and for warming glue, he said. He worked at the plant being employed with several other employees at a long table in the room with the gas stove and left the plant because he was "afraid for his life," Gianone said.

The gas-flame theory of the blasts has been strengthened by similar stories told the authorities by other persons familiar with the plant. Police Chief Nugent of Stratford, is said to have taken a statement from a Bryn Mawr fireman who declares that he once saw the flame and went to the basement of the office building and shut off the gas supply.

Pieces of a gas stove and two open pet-cocks will be introduced at the inquest today to prove that such a stove existed. Open pet-cocks indicate it was burning, officials say.

Testimony given by Victor Vardaro, 23-year-old son, of Alexander Vardaro, manager and president of the firm, will be re-checked when the inquest re-opens, according to Coroner Ford.

"There is no doubt," Ford said, "that young Vardaro is both lying and not telling all he knows."

FIREMEN BUSY

Consolidated firemen on Saturday were called to extinguish a grass fire on Green street and also on the Bath road. Box 48 was struck but the alarm was due to something wrong with the mechanism. There was slight grass fire in the Grundy mill yard yesterday afternoon.

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MAN COULD LIVE FOR TWENTY YEARS ON BATTLESHIP WITHOUT GOING ASHORE

This is the last of a series of articles on the United States Battle Fleet written by a special correspondent for the Courier and International News Service, who recently made a cruise aboard the U. S. S. Tennessee.)

By William Parker

U. S. S. TENNESSEE, Apr. 7.—It would be possible for a person to live aboard an American battleship similar to the Tennessee for the 20 year life of the ship without coming ashore for any purpose.

A battleship has most of the conveniences of a town. Its bake shop has a daily capacity of 2,400 pounds of bread. The cobbler's shop can make shoes, the tailor's shop uniforms. Experienced physicians are aboard, and hospital quarters are clean and comfortable.

The Tennessee has a cruising radius of one complete voyage around the world and one-quarter more of that distance, with a single loading of fuel oil at the beginning of the cruise.

Fresh provisions, such as meat, vegetables, milk and butter are kept in cold storage for six weeks, but "dry" stores, such as canned food would last six months.

"Dry" stores, according to Smith Hempstone, Supply Officer of the Tennessee are just as good as fresh food, but do not offer the same variety. Hempstone, who carries the title of Commander, formerly was a newspaper man in Washington, D. C.

Although the government furnishes practical necessities for the more than 1,300 men and officers aboard, the personnel on each ship supply added conveniences. A tradition of the navy requires officers to feed themselves, a small allowance being made by the government for this purpose. The officers pay approximately \$1 each per day for food. Waiters are Filipino boys who have enlisted for four years. These boys also are body servants for officers, one boy looking after the uniforms, shoes and state rooms of several officers. Cigars and cigarettes are obtained from the "cigar mess" at wholesale prices.

The crew is fed by the government.

Virginia Housewife Aids Sheriff Husband



Mrs. W. O. Grimm, wife of the sheriff of Harrison County, West Virginia, cast aside her apron to answer a call from her sheriff husband to aid in a man hunt. They traced the suspect (wanted on liquor charges) to a house off the main road. Mrs. Grimm entered the front door while the sheriff went to the rear. (International Newsreel)

PROBATE MANY WILLS; INVENTORIES FILED

Several of the Estates Are of
Deceased Residents From
This Section

LETTERS ARE GRANTED

DOYLESTOWN, April 7.—Following official business was transacted in the "row" offices here yesterday:

WILLS Probated

Estate of Herman Bader, Perkasie; letters to Harry Bader and Phares Bader, \$3100; estate of Caroline G. White, Langhorne, letters to Malachi White, \$60,000; estate of Wm. Walp, Quakertown, letters to Henry T. Mease and Frank Zettly, \$3170; estate of Martin Slack, Solebury township, letters to Edward Slack, \$600; estate of Violitta V. Hibbs, Upper Makefield township, letters to Frank White, \$1500; estate of Carrie S. Magee, Upper Makefield township, letters to William Magee and Claire W. Magee, \$3000; estate of John White, Buckingham township, letters to Agnes E. White, \$1331.87; estate of Simond R. Taylor, Tinicum township, letters to Harvey C. Eichlin, \$2324.50; estate of Daniel Koch, Milford township, letters to Marcus L. Engelman, \$11,000; estate of A. Louis Dick, Doylestown, letters to Edward V. Dick and Doylestown Trust Company, \$15,000.

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JOKES AND JOKERS

When one hears "A good time was had by all" it is customary to wonder what in Heaven's name has become of the poor wretch who furnished it. Where does he now conceal his shame or nurse his bruises? Because in this jovial world few jokes that have no victim are good, few quips that do not find their point in a heart. Most practical jokes come near to being tragic to some one.

Oh, these roguish spirits! How many fulfill their lives in devising innocent and original ways of causing pain, embarrassment, shock and fear! Yes, the world is full of normal, healthy souls going about giggling like Iblis at any misfortune or acute discomfort, and if they fail to find it they always stand ready to invent it for amusement's jolly sake. Making of pain a jest and of jest a pain, "The darker the crime," one can imagine them snickering in their god-natured way, "the deeper the joke."

America, they will tell you, needs more wholesome humor to relieve it of its tedium and sorrows—anything from a blush to septic poisoning will do as a starter. And sometimes to prove they can be serious if they wish they will stare at an idiot and remark "Poor fellow, what a shame to be in his condition." And they don't know the half of it.

What a pity the prank and practical joke do not amuse the victim as well as the jolly fellows who perpetrate them. But greater pity 'tis that the unappreciated are omitted.

FOG IMPERIALS FLYERS

Thick fogs have delayed virtually every transcontinental and transoceanic flight attempt. The recent transcontinental air races were made hazardous by fogs, Nature's "smoke screens" forcing several planes down and causing others to lose their course. Fog prevented Commander Byrd from landing the monoplane America after he had successfully flown from New York to Paris. Fog constitutes one of the terrors of aviators, and thus far attempts to combat or dispel it have been unsuccessful.

Years ago, Sir Oliver Lodge thought he had solved the problem of fog dispersal with an electrical apparatus that he set up on his housetop. It didn't work. Recently London has considered blowing away her fogs with high explosives. Attempts failed in Italy. Everything has been experimented with from placing oil in the streams to all sorts of electrical contraptions.

Until means are found to dispel fog aviators must learn to fly through it, aided only by such mechanical contrivances as may serve to make their senses more acute. Lighted beacons with a fog-penetrating properties have been developed and promise to be of great service in guiding pilots to safe landings on fogbound fields. The radio beacon, together with the automatic height indicator, fulfills a somewhat similar function. Fog is still the terror of the air.

What has happened to the old-fashioned Paris fashions?

Why this unseemly effort to obtain human fossils? They can be found hereabouts and no excavation needed.

ECHOES OF THE PAST

ITEMS OF INTEREST AS CLIPPED FROM NEWSPAPER FILES

For the Newtown and Bristol Electric Road officers were elected in March, 1895, according to the Newtown Enterprise of March 30th that year.

The officers chosen were: H. W. Watson, president; William Parry, George C. Worstell, Dr. H. Lovett, Allen R. Mitchell, A. W. Watson, Harvey H. Gillam, Henry Palmer, Edward H. Buckman, Thomas P. Chambers and George C. Blackfan, directors.

Included in that issue of the Enterprise there were also the following items:

Harry W. Feaster, of Yardley, awakened by a burglar alarm caught a man emerging from his chicken house with a sack of towels. He ordered him to precede him to the house. The felon dropped the chickens and scurried away. A pistol shot in the air only made him sprint the faster.

A large quantity of eggs and some young chickens belonging to Furman L. Mulford, in Lower Makefield township, were destroyed when an over-heated incubator set fire to the brood-er house.

The Newtown, Langhorne and Bristol Street Railroad Company, was chartered at Harrisburg with a capital of \$60,000.

Matilda Blaker, of Tullytown, formerly of Wrightstown, was appointed to the teaching staff of the Morrisville schools.

Sixty carp were caught in the Delaware river at Lambertville, the largest weighing nearly twenty-three pounds. The total catch for the day was 400 pounds of carp and 200 pounds of suckers.

Edwin K. Bodine was appointed postmaster at Richboro to succeed Peter H. Morris.

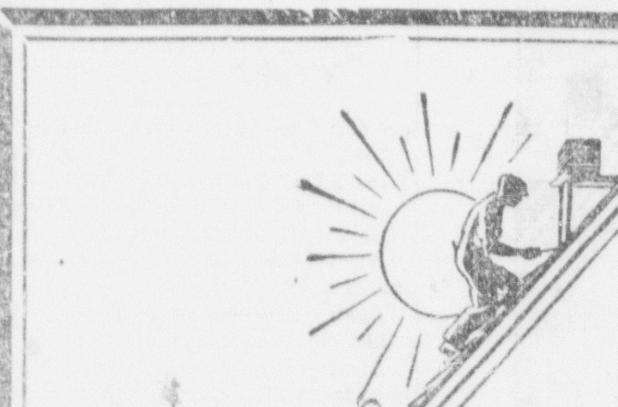
Hugh Balderston, of Doilington, gave up farming and started clerking for R. L. Balderston.

Among the marriages noted were:

At Fallsington, Wilmer B. Wright and Rena Watson, both of Fallsington. In Newtown, Frederick Heuscher

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town, where she was employed. The flames were extinguished by Mrs. Bateman and Elwood Hagerman, who were working in the yard, but not before Minnie was badly burned. She died in St. Mary's Hospital, Philadelphia, the next day.

Deaths in the month of March in the section included:

Near Wrightstown, Elizabeth Knowles, aged 62 years.

At Morrisville, Marion, daughter of William G. and Andie Howell.

In Philadelphia, Elizabeth Daley, widow of James M. Torbert, of Newtown.

NEWPORTVILLE

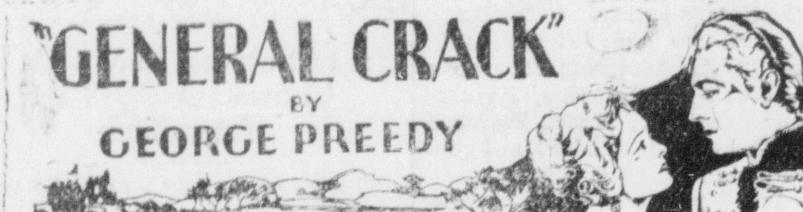
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cutler, of Wissinoming, were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Cutler's sister, Mrs. William Cameron.

Mrs. E. Middleton has been ill the last few days with the grippe.

Mrs. N. White was the guest of Mrs. William Gray, of Bristol, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Lillie Mullen spent the weekend with her aunt, Miss Sadie White, of New Brunswick.

The "Cheerful Workers" of the Newportville Church, will hold their meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Lewis on Wednesday evening.



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The Warner Bros. & Vitaphone production starring John Barrymore, is based on this novel.

SYNOPSIS

General Crack, soldier of fortune, has revolted against Emperor Leopold, the instant after fulfilling his obligation of seeing him crowned emperor. Now he lays waste the land, in revenge for Leopold having compromised Crack's girl-wife, the lovely Princess Eleonora, whom Crack had to leave for the campaign, the instant after marrying her. The Empire is dismembered, and Leopold in flight. Crack captures the Archduchess Maria Luisa, Leopold's sister, and informs her she must have revenge by spending the night with her.

"If I did not think your intention was to humiliate me—"

"You recall, perhaps, how first we met? A concert at the Hofburg when I first came into your father's service, and you were not sure if you should notice me—you looked away when I was presented to you and would not give me your hand—"

"Do you revenge that now?"

"Madame, I have better weapons than meagre discourtesies to my hand. Even the Caesar's sister may relieve a tired man of his armour."

"Without humiliation," she replied, and crossed the room to him, and, reaching up a little, unlaced gorget and cuirass, which was black and gold inlaid and lined with leopard skin; she saw the flames on the hearth reflected in the burnish of this dark steel and curiously lingered with the weight of the heavy pieces in her hands; a detestation for Eleonora overwhelmed all other passions in her throbbing heart; these eight false women whom men must love . . .

Christian gave a movement of relief; the diamonds still swung in his idle fingers.

"Will you not take supper with me now?" he asked. "I have not entertained a woman of quality since I was in Paris, and have forgot the devices that please—but delicate gentlemen are not so nice, I find, as I did consider them, therefore perhaps you can endure my rusty manners."

"Monsieur," replied Maria Luisa, knowing this bitter reference was to Eleonora, "you may stink these mocks; I know the main blow you have had and the monstrous chance that sets me here—will you not have done and suffer me to leave?"

"You have a royal spirit," remarked Christian. "Had you been in your brother's place you might have held your father's throne—"

"Had I been in your wife's place, I had set you on a throne," she said in the same tone. "We have each missed something, Monsieur."

"I, more than I can measure," he replied, curious of her air of passion—"and you?"

"Everything," she smiled arrogantly, "and since the first . . .

bankrupt as I am, I cannot entertain you, Monsieur, now once, had you asked it, I might most richly have endowed you—"

"You can still give me what I most value above riches, revenge," he smiled, staring her down. "Set me again on the Caesar's level, eh?—one woman for another—and perhaps my account a little overpaid . . . She has an Emperor for her lover, while his sister will have only General Crack."

"A lover?" she repeated.

"I put it delicately . . . plainer since you question the terms, you shall be my bedfellow tonight—I think she was no more than that to him, and these jewels, a fool wage paid in his presence for a vile purpose, shall go back with you to him—your price now, too."

Maria Luisa did not blanch; fear was now as far from her as hope.

"You frustrate yourself," she said. "I know you as you do not know me. You cannot do it—and command yourself tomorrow."

"How many men would stay their hand?" he demanded insolently.

"And you please me well enough for a brief distraction even though you were not the Caesar's sister."

"You are moody," he said, "sullen, perhaps; will these change your humor?"

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Maria Luisa did not stir; she was hardly conscious of any insult or outrage in what he said.

Surely he had forgotten her in that deep reverie evoked by the cold fires of the Mittau diamond, now she might creep away; she rose awkwardly, as if her limbs were cramped, and reached out a shaking hand for her tumbled foil coat; but on this movement Christian turned at once.

"Not so easily. I must command your company."

"What?" she replied, "can prevent me from leaving you?"

"Madame, a locked door."

Maria Luisa stood with her hand on the back of the yellow sofa.

"You would not be so ignoble as to detain me, Monsieur?"

Christian smiled and said:

"Unfasten my gorget—I would not call a lackey in."

His intention was then, cold and deliberate insult; for that purpose she had been brought here; the realization of this braced her, dispelling alike her fears and her compassions.

"Does it gratify you?" she asked, bitterly, "to make me your servant?"

"We have come to a base level."

"Madame, since I was wounded in the shoulder at Göbitz, armour

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The Ladies Auxiliary of the Newportville Fire Co., No. 1, will hold a monthly meeting in the fire house on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Everitt and family spent Saturday visiting Mrs. Everitt's mother, Mrs. Scheffler in Philadelphia.

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LOCALS

Events for Tonight

Meeting of Harriman Hospital Auxiliary in auxiliary rooms.

Meeting of trustees of M. E. Church.

Meeting in Legion Home to organize Girls' Week for Bristol.

Card party in No. 1 fire house.

Meeting of Harriman Men's Club.

Meeting of J. S. Brady Commandery.

Meeting of Townsite Building & Loan Association.

Meeting of Bristol Lodge, No. 970, B. P. O. E.

VISIT ELSEWHERE

Mrs. E. R. Thornton and daughters, the Misses Bertha and Beulah Thornton, of Bath street, spent Sunday, in Philadelphia, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGee, of Linden street, and Mrs. Warren Armstrong, of Jefferson avenue, passed Sunday in Philadelphia, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Daniel Spangler, of 346 Jefferson avenue, was a Friday guest of her daughter, Miss Margaret Spangler, of Germantown.

Granville Stephenson and daughter, Miss Rose Stephenson, of Jefferson avenue, were guests over the week-end of relatives in Colonia, N. J.

Miss Ella Mathias, of Mulberry street, attended the flower show in Philadelphia last week and while there, was an overnight guest of relatives.

William E. DeGroot, of 341 Jefferson avenue, and his guest, William Hirst, of Tacony, enjoyed Sunday at Mauch Chunk.

VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. A. Madison, of Colonia, N. J., were Friday visitors of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Stephenson, of Jefferson avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Armington, of Trenton, have been visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Moon, of Main street.

Mrs. Norton, of Brown street, has been confined to her home suffering injuries received by a fall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Baker and Miss Rose Baker, of Brown street, were visitors in Trenton Saturday.

Miss Alvia Atkinson, of Fallington avenue, was a visitor at the home of her sister, in Perryville, Md., Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Levergood, of West Philadelphia, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. William McGowan and daughter, Miss Evelyn McGowan, of Morrisville, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Mercy Harvison, of Brown street, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carson, of Oxford avenue, were visitors in Philadelphia, Sunday.

Harry Brumbaugh, a former principal of Bristol High School, now of Irvin, who spent last week in Philadelphia, attending Schoolmen's Week, renewed old acquaintances in Bristol on Friday.

Mrs. R. R. Zarr, of Nanticoke, is paying a several days' visit to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Zarr, of Cedar street.

Victor Holyoke, of Hempstead, Long Island, was a Friday guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Weagley, of Mulberry street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tucker, of Birdsboro; and Mrs. M. Lenard, of Eddington, week-ended with Mr. and Mrs. H. McLaughlin, Sr., of Riverton avenue.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A birthday party was given in honor of Bernice Julian recently. The guests included: Mary Steinbunn, Vera Randall, Emma Sharp, Ruth Fisher, Virginia Lee Julian. A pretty birthday cake was one of the main attractions, with seven candles. Refreshments were served and games were played.

TULLYTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. George LeCompte and William Gregg, of Main street, visited their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John LeCompte and family, of Trenton, N. J., on Sunday.

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The Peppy Pals sewing class will be entertained tomorrow evening at the home of Miss Elma E. Haefner.

GRAND THEATRE

"The Sacred Flame," Warner Bros. and Vitaphone all-talking picture, starring Pauline Frederick with Conrad Nagel, comes to the Grand Theatre tonight and Tuesday. This amazing story of mother love—and other love—is from the famous stage play of Somerset Maugham.

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Rohm & Haas

Stewart	181	159	194
Kilian	191	193	202
Encke	189	173	156
Sharkey	178	154	198
Wenzel	226	173	197
	965	852	947

Keystone

Hirsch	155	165	189
H. Yeagle	163	145	185
O'Boyle	153	191	185
M. Yeagle	169	175	119
M. Allen	202	147	159
Levere			148
	842	823	800

Special Matches

Somerville Elks

Perry	162	145	148
Filak	116
Savacool	149	142	139
Greasem	180	149	138
Koller	130	192	140
Morell		141	125
	737	769	688

Bristol Elks

Hellyer	182	134	129
Veit	113	145
Wichser	142	145
Pearson	148	169	181
Kenyon	191	151	158
Arnold		157	184
	776	756	797

TO HOLD SOCIAL

The Ladies Aid of the Harriman M. E. Church will hold its regular meeting and annual Easter Bonnet Social at the home of Mrs. John Moyer, Radcliffe street on Tuesday evening, April 8th. All members are requested to be present.

IN HOSPITAL

Miss Stella Bissell, of Oakdale street, Frankford, is under treatment at the Harriman Hospital.

The Qualities of Leadership

By JOHN G. LONSDALE
President American Bankers Association

LEADERSHIP and success, in a general way, are synonymous. They are both founded upon simple codes of thought and action, upon the realization that he who wins the laurels must be a doer, not a wailer, that application of energy, not time or luck, is what counts most. A rabbit's foot is a poor substitute for horse sense.

Both success John G. Lonsdale, and leadership, if they be of the highest quality, are the result of service to humanity. Service has been aptly described as "the supreme commitment of life." Analyze the lives and times of all great leaders of history and you will find that those whose names are enshrined in the hearts of their countrymen are those who sought to render a needed service to the populace.

Leadership, like success, need not, however, be international or national to achieve great results. There is room for each of us to be a leader in his community, in his work, in his church, and in various organizations.

One of the indispensable qualities of leadership is the ability to persist steadfastly in the face of discouragements. If George Washington had not possessed the quality of persistence, he and his soldiers would never have survived the hunger and privations which were theirs at Valley Forge.

We have too many young men and young women these days saying a job cannot be done. Too many spend their time explaining why a thing can't be done, instead of saying, with firm resolve, that it can be done, and then going out and doing it. Anything that ought to be done is capable of being done. And anything worth doing at all is worth doing well. The fellow who handles a little job in a big way is always on the road to greater fields.

BANKERS STUDY CHAIN BANKING

The Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association has been specifically instructed by the general convention of the association to study and report on chain and group banking developments, and also on the proposal of the Comptroller of the Currency for an extension of branch banking in the national banking system, to permit those banks to conduct branches in the trade areas surrounding their locations.

FUGAZY COMES BACK AS FIGHT PROMOTER

By Davis J. Walsh
I. N. S. Sports Editor

NEW YORK, Apr. 4—Hope, they say, springs eternal in the human breast and this must be so because Humbert J. Fugazy, to whom hope

should be a forsaken memory, is understood to be contemplating an early return to the promotion of boxing. With Fugazy, optimism isn't a virtue. It apparently is an affliction.

Less than five years ago, he was a rich man without a care in the world and the leisure with which to enjoy life as he found it. Then he allowed himself to be pushed into the promotion of a benefit show, scored an instantaneous success—and was lost. From that moment onward, he no longer was a conservative businessman with a comfortable private income; he was thrust out in front of the public and so was his fortune. It apparently became as public as the town pump at which everybody helps himself.

In the years that followed, Fugazy became known as the Promoter Who Never Got a Break. If he scheduled a show, it was rained out of countenance night after night until everybody lost interest. If he tried to make a deal some chiselers would whittle his way in and strip the man down to his waistcoat.

Luck was against him, they said, and for once they were not far wrong.

Actually the promoter was broken definitely by the acts of three men, two of whom are immortal and this was stark luck, because none of the trio would have injured him intentionally. The first of these was Gene Tunney, the second Jack Dempsey and the third Charles A. Stoenham, president of the New York Giants.

Fugazy really was a success back in 1926 when Tunney then the new heavyweight champion of the world, cast a shadow across his path that has remained to this day. He had promoted the Italian Hospital Fund Show, with a triple headline program involving Greb and Walker, Harry Wills and Charles Weinert and Dave Shadie and Jimmy Slattery; also a light heavyweight championship between Delaney and Berlenbach and a near championship bout between Wills and Jack Sharkey.

He was a dangerous rival of the Garden crowd and, as such, Tunney selected him as a pawn for a bit of diplomatic maneuvering. Tunney actually was tied up with the Garden on a hang-over agreement from the first Dempsey fight but he openly declared his intention of signing with Fugazy.

And the story is a honey, too. In fact the whole entertainment is on that action, romance, comedy order which makes one of the most enjoyable evenings possible.

Buddy breaks into carnival life in "Half Way to Heaven" and does some dangerous stunts on the flying-trapeze which will keep your heart in your mouth for several minutes. It is a new and daring role and Buddy certainly looks convincing in the part. Physique? That boy has it. After thrilling you with his daring, Buddy stands up to Paul Lukas and, in a fist fight which looks realistic enough for anybody, he sends the villain packing and wins the girl.

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held several conferences with him, the outcome of which was the announcement that Fugazy had offered him \$750,000 for his next fight.

However, when this had had the desired effect of raising Rickard's ante, Tunney promptly forgot Fugazy, met the Garden's junketing special train at St. Louis and signed, as he was duty bound to do. From that moment, Fugazy's prestige began to wane.

It was dissipated still further from time to time as he made bids for prominent fighters and was unable to hold them. His disability in this respect was partly due to the fact that he never had an indoor arena and thus couldn't hope to monopolize a fighter's services while giving the latter no chance to make money until the outdoor season. He didn't help his position, either, with his flamboyant announcements of arena structures that never got out of the draftsman's office.

Meantime, he was promoting many shows at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn and none of them made money all night long. He couldn't get into New York because the Garden always blocked his way at the Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds with options that brooked no invasion by an outside promoter. Stoenham finally tired of the arrangement and was all set to go with Fugazy last year as an independent combine.

But the Garden, fearing for its monopoly, put over a fast one. It arranged with the Yankees and Giants to share equally in the shows promoted at each park and Stoenham, placated, decided to play the hand out on this basis. In doing this, he left Fugazy's prestige without a leg under it and then Dempsey came along to for \$50,000 on the line and, after killing it altogether.

John actually tied up with the man some months ago something to happen, quietly withdrew, not neglecting to take the \$50,000 with him. This finished Fugazy—apparently for all time—for he soon was glad to sell his interest in Schencking and Campolo to the rival Garden coterie.

But it seems that the end is not yet. He had run through a fortune while traveling downward from a sumptuous suite in the Woolworth Building to a few rooms over a cigar store. Yet he apparently wants to run some more. Pure optimism, that. If he runs at all, he knows it must be uphill. His down-grade running has carried him as far as he possibly can go in that direction.

RIVERSIDE THEATRE

"America's boy friend" has a new sweetheart, and a mighty sweet one, too. In "Half Way to Heaven," which opens tonight for the first time in a two-day run at the Riverside Theatre, Charles (Buddy) Rogers, as fine and lovable screen personality as he is, has to share honors with lovely Jean Arthur. She's a honey.

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Probate Many Wills;

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Letters of Administration

Estate of Sallie M. High, Plumstead township; letters to Flora M. Keller, \$2100; estate of Flora Michener, Solebury township; letters to Grace A. Michener, \$5300; estate of Samuel L. Clymer, Sellersville; letters to Samuel B. Clymer, \$2000; estate of Albert Haldeman, Doylestown township; letters to Edwin S. Haldeman, \$2200; estate of Savilla Fox, Plumstead township; letters to Arthur E. Fox, \$435.

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Estate of Sophie Eisenstrager, Doylestown, \$12,938.81; estate of Amos S. Worthington, Doylestown township, \$3319.61; estate of Minnie M. Bealer, Springfield township, \$1200; estate of Frederick W. Seyfarth, Milford township, \$1235; estate of Maria Z. Visouri, Bristol, \$1856.90; estate of Thomas Franklin Vandegrift, Eddington, \$9,134.52; estate of Dr. William S. Engel, Buckingham, \$265; estate of Ella Treffinger, Silverdale, \$2978.76; estate of Emma Rebecca Heuckeroth, East Rockhill township, \$1736.87; estate of Franklin E. Hess, Richlandtown, \$87; estate of Henry Lafferty, Falls township, \$12,938; estate of Anna D. Hallowell, Warminster, \$22,553.92; estate of Sarah J. Cox, Newtown, \$38,031.27; estate of Laura V. Carothers, Newtown, \$3025.15; estate of Simon Tayloring, Tinicum township, \$3224.50; estate of L. Irvin Carter, Warwick township, \$3224.33; estate of Virginia Harrison Whelen, Bensalem township, \$10,237.16; estate of John M. Detweller, Richland township, \$1291.27; estate of Sophie H. Smith, Sellersville, \$7000; estate of Ephriam W. Holbert, Doylestown, \$14,607.66.

Federation Plans Meeting To Be Held at Quakertown

QUAKERTOWN, April 7.—"The World We Live In," an address by Mrs. Hope LeBar Roberts, and a play by the dramatic club of the Quakertown High School, are to be highlights of the afternoon session of Spring meeting of the Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in the Quakertown Woman's Club house, here, April 25th.

A fine program has already been outlined, the morning session starting at 10 o'clock to include: Call to order, Mrs. Ferdinand Sonnier; invocation, Rev. H. J. Leinbach; county song; address of welcome, Mrs. Daniel Erdman; response, Mrs. Walter Raab; minutes, Mrs. Fred Miller; treasurer's report, Mrs. A. W. McRoberts; music, Mrs. E. G. Hoyler; reports on American citizenship, Mrs. Charles Swan; American home, Mrs. Thomas Clemens; home economics, Miss Ethel

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sign matter was caught in the eye, and he visited the local hospital for treatment.

INJURED IN FALL

In a fall sustained during the past few days "Dan" Harkins, of 628 Race street, suffered a small cut on the back of his head, necessitating one stitch at the Harriman Hospital.

"Billy" Sunday to Speak At South Langhorne

(Continued from Page 1) throughout the country. The meetings will be open to the general public and while the capacity of the Oaklithur Chapel is very much limited yet it is hoped that all who desire to hear the speaker will be able to gain admittance.

Rev. Sunday and wife will be guests at the Oakley home overnight.

PRAYER SERVICE

A special meeting for prayer will be held by W. C. T. U. members and friends at the Travel Club home this evening. The union's campaign for new members will start tomorrow.

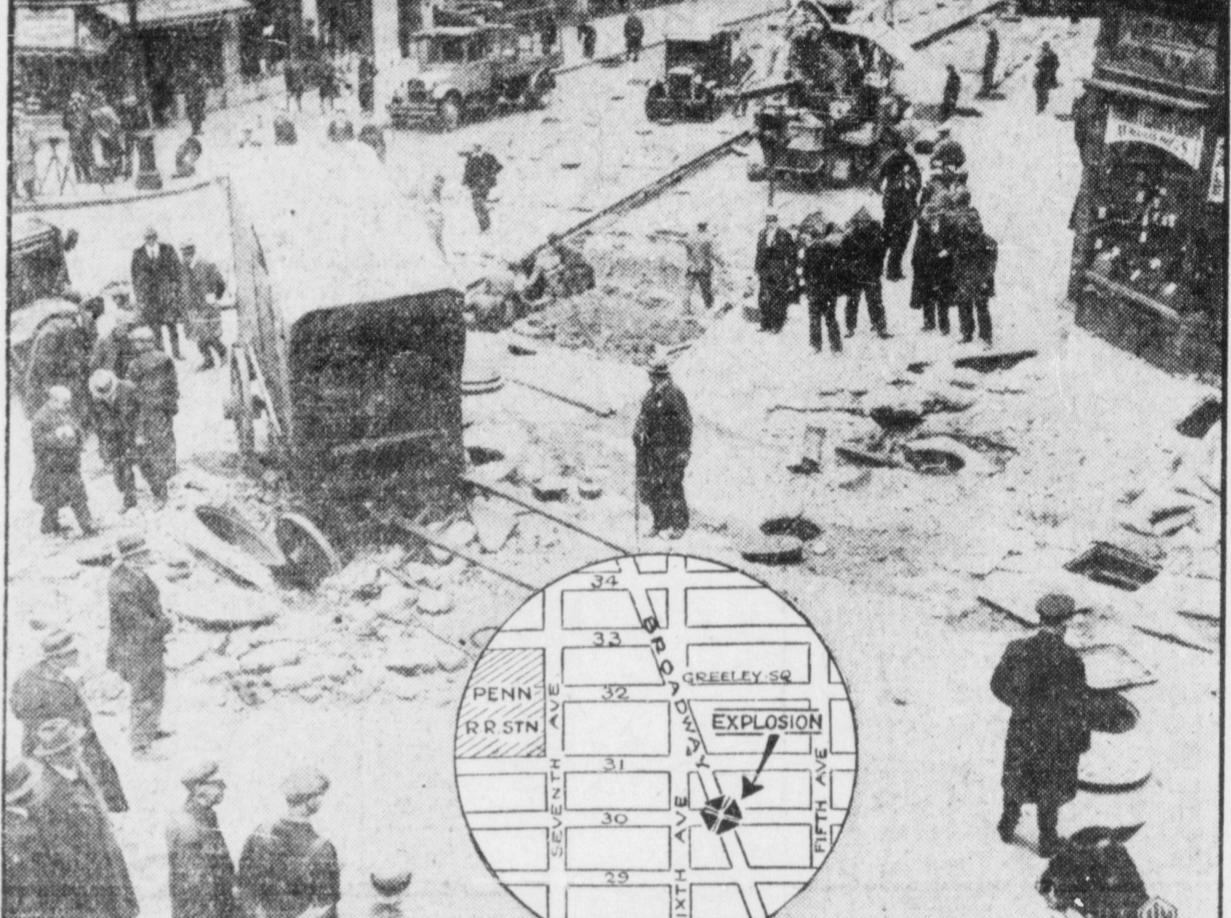
CHANGE RECEPTION

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HAVING EYE TREATED

Treatments for a sore eye are being given to Julius Strengster, 1020 N. 33rd street, Camden, N. J., at the Harriman Hospital. Mr. Strengster's eye is now better.

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